

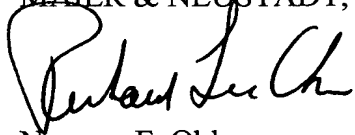
inhibiting hair growth by administering an elastase inhibitor or neutral endopeptidase inhibitor and at least one proteolytic enzyme.

The present application is a continuation application of U.S. 09/614,166 filed on July 11, 2000 directed to a method of inhibiting hair growth.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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--1. (Amended) A [treating] method [for] of inhibiting hair growth [inhibition, which comprises] comprising administering to a surface of skin in need thereof an effective amount of a plant [of the family *Juniperus* or a malt] extract selected from the group consisting of rye malt, oat malt and a mixture thereof.

wherein said plant extract is an extract of a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, an alcohol and a mixture thereof.

--3. (Amended) [A dermatological composition for external use, which comprises (A) the extract of a plant of the family *Juniperus* or a malt,] The method of Claim 1, further comprising administering (B) an elastase inhibitor or neutral endipeptidase inhibitor.

4. (Amended) [A composition] The method according to Claim 3, further comprising administering (C) at least one proteolytic enzyme selected from the group consisting of papain, trypsin, chymotrypsin, pepsin, bromelain, ficin and pancreatin.--

Claim 7. (New)

Claim 8. (New)